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Application No.: 10/587,314)	Group Art Unit: 3724
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For: PAPER SHEET TREATING DEVICE)	

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 24, 2009, the period for reply extends through April 24, 2009, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group VI (Claims 13-16) for examination. In addition, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the invention identified in the Office Action as Species A, claims 1-16 (with the election of the punching device of claim 1). Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected inventions in one or more divisional applications.

No fees are believed to be due for this submission. Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a

CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §

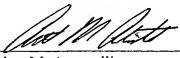
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Respectfully submitted,

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